



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LAO HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Many Laotian Americans were forced to leave their homeland in fear of communist government because many have fought alongside the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans escaped from their home which were filled with cluster bombs that were designed as anti-personnel, anti-armor weapons, but the primary victims have been innocent civilians; and
- WHEREAS:** The bombings destroyed many villages and displaced hundreds of thousands of Lao civilians. Many people were burdened with unexploded ordnance (UXO) contamination; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans make great contributions to our economy, culture, and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans contribute positively to the social, educational, political, civic, culture, and economic well-being of our state with hundreds of businesses and community organizations in the region; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as LAO HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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